

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has brought great commitment and steadfast dedication to the teaching profession; and

Whereas, Duane Brandsgaard, an esteemed resident of Lee's Summit, Missouri, will officially retire from the Raymore-Peculiar R-II School District on May 28, 2003, after a successful career in education that has spanned an incredible thirty-one years; and

Whereas, during his impressive tenure as an educator, Duane Brandsgaard has played an integral role in the educational development of countless youngsters as a Social Studies Teacher for Grades 5-10, Physical Education Teacher for Grades 7-12, Swimming Teacher for Grades 6-8, and Health Teacher for Grade 9; and

Whereas, Duane Brandsgaard joined the Raymore-Peculiar R-II School District in 2000, prior to which time he gained an immeasurable amount of teaching experience at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, for three years, Butler High School for two years, Otterville High School for one year, and Smith-Cotton High School for twenty-two years; and

Whereas, a member of the Missouri State Teachers Association who was named to the John Brown University Hall of Fame, Duane Brandsgaard firmly believes that a quality education is necessary for success in today's society and has continually worked to provide his students with the skills and knowledge upon which they will build throughout their academic careers; and

Whereas, a devout member of his church where he glorifies the Lord as an Elder and Congregation President, Duane Brandsgaard looks forward to his much-deserved retirement so that he will have more free time for fly fishing, playing golf, and enjoying the company of his devoted wife, Jo, and his three children, Amy, Abby, and Adam; and

Whereas, it is entirely fitting and proper that this legislative body should pay tribute to Duane Brandsgaard, a remarkable individual and stellar educator who will be greatly missed by all those who had the distinct pleasure of knowing and working with him:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Duane Brandsgaard for his thirty-one years of unparalleled service to the Raymore-Peculiar R-II School District and to the teaching profession, and in wishing much happiness as he continues teaching for schools in Kansas City, Missouri; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Duane Brandsgaard.

Offered by _____
Representative Rex Rector
District No. 124

Representative Robert Johnson
District No. 47

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2821, adopted May 13, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker